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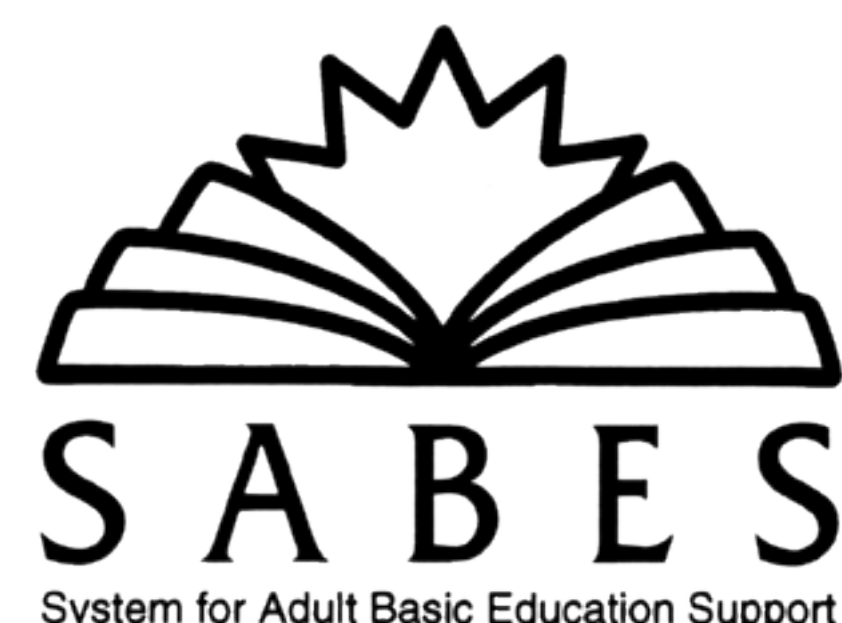


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Summary/Abstract

The Adult Literacy Resource Institute (part of UMass Boston since 1983, and 100% grant-funded) serves as the Greater Boston Regional Support Center for SABES, the state's System for Adult Basic Education Support. We provide a variety of staff and program development services to adult basic education programs in the Boston area, especially the approximately 40 programs in the region (most located at community-based organizations) that are funded by the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and that offer ESOL, basic literacy and numeracy, GED preparation, and other classes (including family literacy, civics education, career pathways, and college transition).



Goals and Objectives

The mission of the A.L.R.I. and of SABES as a whole is to promote high-quality adult basic education services through professional development, program support, and other resources that improve the skills and knowledge of practitioners and that strengthen programs. Each year, SABES collaborates with its funder, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to develop a workplan that determines and guides our work for the year.

Results/Impacts

For 28 years the A.L.R.I./SABES Greater Boston RSC has provided necessary staff and program development support to adult basic education programs in the Boston area. The programs we primarily work with currently include:

Downtown Boston:	-Perkins	South Boston:
-ABCD LearningWorks Community Center	-Project Hope	-Notre Dame Education Center
-Bridge Over Troubled Waters	-St. Mary's Women and Children's Center	-NDEC/Julie's Family Learning Program
-International Institute of Boston	East Boston:	South End:
-Jewish Vocational Service	-Harborside Community Center	-Blackstone Community Center
Allston/Brighton:	Fenway:	-United South End Settlements
-Crittenton Women's Union	-YMCA International Services	HydePark/W.Roxbury
-Jackson/Mann Community Center	Jamaica Plain:	-Jewish Vocational Service/Hyde Park
Charlestown:	-El Centro del Cardenal	-Ohrenberger Community Center
-Charlestown Community Center	-Jamaica Plain Community Center	Cambridge:
Chinatown:	Mattapan:	-Community Learning Center
-Asian American Civic Association	-ABCD/Mattapan Adult Education	-Concilio Hispano
-Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	North End:	Somerville:
Dorchester:	-ABCD Neighborhood Service Center	-SCALE
-BPS Adult Learning Center	Roslindale:	Other:
-College Bound Dorchester	-ABCD/SouthSide Headstart	-Suffolk County House of Correction
-Haitian Multi-Service Center	Roxbury:	-Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts
-Mujeres Unidas en Accion	-Dimock Center	-Worker Education Program
	-ESAC/GED Plus	-Voice and Future Fund Workplace Ed,
	-La Alianza Hispana	
	-WAITT House	

Approaches and Methods

The A.L.R.I./SABES Greater Boston RSC provides a wide range of free professional development activities and other support services to teachers, counselors, and administrators at adult basic education programs in the Boston area. We provide mini-courses, workshops, sharing groups, program-based support, on-line activities, and individual technical assistance related to teaching and learning, curriculum and assessment, counseling and student support, program management and planning, workforce development and college transition, technology and data reporting, and other areas. Beginning this year, the A.L.R.I. is also focusing specifically on developing and providing professional development on teaching writing to adults. Additionally, the A.L.R.I. maintains and operates the statewide SABES Literacy Library, which serves all ABE practitioners and programs throughout Massachusetts. The SABES website (www.sabes.org) provides information on the SABES system and on the individual centers, including the A.L.R.I., and provides numerous resources for ABE practitioners statewide.

Additional Partnerships, Interests, Information and/or Contacts

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